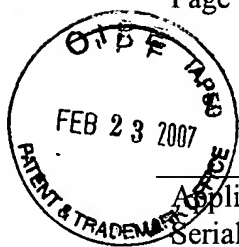


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 26, 2006.

Examiner has restricted the claims into two groups, Group I, Claims 1-33 and 48 and Group II, Claims 34-47. Applicant elects group I, and further elects the gene cofactor required for Sp1 transcriptional activation, subunit 6 (CRSP6) without traverse.

A four month Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this response to restriction requirement and Amendment. Please charge any necessary fees required in connection with the paper transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, Reference No.: 204231/2055H. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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